(c) the details of action taken to recover them; and

(d) whether any time-frame has been fixed for closing these accounts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) As on 31.3.2005, there were eleven accounts involving an amount of Rs. 3,598 crore in Public Sector Banks having Gross NPAs above Rs. 100 crore.

(c) and (d) Government of India and Reserve Bank of India have stipulated certain steps for recovery of loans, which, *inter-alia*, include evolving and implementing a recovery policy by banks, filing of suits in civil courts/DRTs, issue of notices under SARFAESI Act, 2002, compromise settlement and monitoring and follow up of NPAs at various levels. The public sector banks have been advised to take effective measures for expenditious recovery of dues from the borrowers in NPA accounts. The Banks are required to take action for recovery of dues in accordance with their loan recovery policies. It is not practicable to prescribe any time frame for closing these accounts as the banks are required to make every possible effort to effect recovery in accordance with their recovery policy.

Revival of BHPV

2970. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would take early favourable decision in reviving M/s. Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels Limited (BHPV), Visakhapatnam, as it is one of the oldest industries set-up in Andhra Pradesh which played a vital role towards national industrial growth for serveral decades and a very large number of auxiliary/ancillary industries of Visakhapatnam totally depend for their survival on the revival of BHPV;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) Government of India has submitted a revival package,

based on study of Consultants, to the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises. After receipt of their recommendations, Government will take a decision in the matter.

Revival of Burn Standard and Braithwaite

2971. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether public sector wagon industry is having serious working capital shortage in the execution of wagon order in hand;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to address the issue in the case of M/s. Braithwaite and M/s. Burn Standard;

(c) whether Prime Minister's intervention has been sought in clinching the issue regarding non-remunerative old orders of railways and supply of free bogie coupler by railways to the public sector wagon industry;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of time bound action plan to sanction revival schemes of M/s. Braithwaite and M/s. Burn Standard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (e) Both M/s. Braithwaite Company Ltd. (BCL) and M/s. Burn Standard Company Ltd. (BSCL) were referred to the BIFR as loss making companies. These two PSEs have been facing a number of problems including liquidity crunch, non-availability of inputs, shortage of raw materials etc. from time to time and as a result, have not been able to meet their production targets. The Department of Heavy Industry has taken a number of steps to help these two PSEs for augmenting production. They include extended Government Guarantee for Rs. 35 crore and Rs. 55.5 crore to M/s. BCL and M/s. BSCL respectively in order to facilitate bank credit for working capital. DHI has also been extending both plan and non-plan assistance to help the PSEs in maintaining the infrastructure and payment of wages/salaries to the employees.